

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Systems and methods for providing print job accounting in a computer system configuration. A user at a computer device initiates a print job that is to be printed at a printing device. Prior to despooling any print data to the printing device, the user and user account information are authenticated and the cost for consumables, such as paper and toner, are determined. If sufficient funds exist in the user's account, the determined amount is charged to the user's account and the print data is despoled to the intended printer from either a client or server of the computer system.

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